

Housing

Volunteers working for the interpretation division may be eligible for free housing at Whispering Pines, or free trailer/RV parking and hook-up at Whispering Pines or near the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

A minimum of 32 hours of work per week is required in exchange for housing.



RV site available near Rainy Lake Visitor Center



Cabin at Whispering Pines near Ash River Visitor Center

Contact Information

If you have questions about the Volunteer program or would like to request an application to be a volunteer, please contact:

Volunteer Program Manager

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For more information, visit our website:
<http://www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm>

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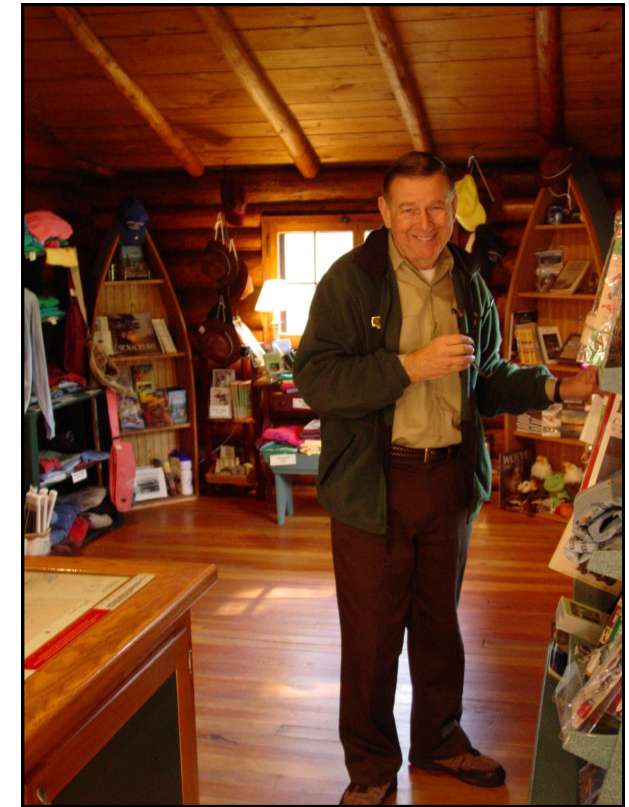
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Volunteer at Voyageurs National Park



VIP Jim McCullough at the Ash River Visitor Center

Volunteers in Parks (VIPs) are very important people! Find out how you can be a part of the experience.

Who is a Volunteer?

Volunteers help the park. If you enjoy visiting with people from all over the world and the beautiful scenery of northern Minnesota, this is a great opportunity for you!



A volunteer is a person who is conducting work for the National Park Service and has signed a Volunteer Agreement with Voyageurs National Park.

Volunteers are not compensated monetarily for their work, although they may receive reimbursement for approved expenses when previously arranged with the Volunteer Program Manager.

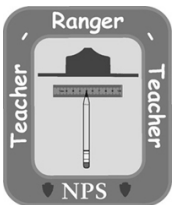
The following programs are considered VIPs:



Student Conservation Association (SCA)



Minnesota Conservation Corps (MCC)



Teacher-Ranger-Teacher

What can a Volunteer do?

Voyageurs National Park offers a variety of opportunities for people who would like to care for the park resources and provide important services for the park.

These opportunities include:

- Keep visitor centers open
- Maintain park facilities
- Conduct park research
- Rehabilitate historic sites
- Help out behind the scenes at the park library
- Help coordinate special events throughout the year



Volunteers helping to maintain the Kab-Ash trail

What training is involved?

New volunteers receive basic training and orientation that covers the NPS mission, standards of conduct, uniform and appearance, and individual record keeping.

Each volunteer will have an assigned staff person who will act as their primary contact concerning their volunteer work at the park. That staff person will work with the volunteer to develop a work schedule and to conduct job-specific training. A position-specific training checklist may be used to ensure the volunteer is provided with all the appropriate training that is necessary to succeed in their new volunteer position.

Whenever possible, volunteers will be invited to participate in appropriate training sessions for park staff in addition to their volunteer training.



Ash River Visitor Center



Volunteer trail crew